

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The final Office Action dated January 28, 2008 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

Claims 15, 17 and 26 are hereby cancelled, and claims 9 and 27 are hereby amended. No new matter is added. Accordingly, claims 9, 10, 12-14, 16, 18-25 and 27 are currently pending. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Claim Objections

In the Office Action, claim 26 is objected to due to its improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim.

In the amendment to the claims, claim 26 is cancelled. Therefore, the objection of claim 26 should be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections Under 35U.S.C. §112

In the Office Action, claims 9-10, 12-16, 18-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph.

In the amendment to the claims, a plurality of indentations in claim 9 are defined as follows:

“a plurality of indentations for helping the lands pick up and retain a greater amount of the electroluminescent material.”

Therefore, the rejection of claims 9-10, 12-16, 18-26 under 35 U.S.C. §112 should be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC § 103(a)

In the Office Action, claims 9-10, 12-16, and 18-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pei, in view of Wright, Miyashita, and Samworth, where Ireton is cited as evidence. Claim 15 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the applied art as applied to claim 9 above and further in view of Kimura. Claim 19 is rejected under 35 U.S.C § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the art as applied to claim 18 above and further in view of Mourrellone. Claims 20-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C . § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the art as applied to claim 9 above and further in view of Nagayama et al. Claims 23-24 are

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rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the art as applied to claim 9 above, and further in view of Watanabe et al. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

The Examiner asserted that Miyashita teaches that the barrier rib can be formed from a polyimide material.

However, Miyashita fails to teach the material of the barrier rib selected from the group consisting of polyimide and an acryl-group organic compound described in claims 9 and 27. Furthermore, none of Pei, Wright, Miyashita, Samworth, Ireton, Kimura, Mourrellone, Nagayama and Watanabe teach the step of forming pixel electrodes on the substrate between the barrier ribs after forming the barrier ribs on the substrate.

Therefore, the rejection of claim 9 is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. Claim 9 is allowable over Pei, Wright, Miyashita, Samworth, Ireton, Kimura, Mourrellone, Nagayama, and Watanabe in that claim 9 recites a method of patterning an electroluminescent display while printing a layer of an electroluminescent material, having a combination of elements including “forming barrier ribs on a substrate for preventing spread of the electroluminescent material, each barrier rib having an upper portion and selected from the group consisting of polyimide and an acryl-group organic compound; forming pixel electrodes between the barrier ribs after forming the barrier ribs on the substrate; providing a molding plate disposed on a molding roller, said molding plate containing a plurality of convex and concave portions, said convex portions defining lands and having a plurality of indentations for helping the lands pick up and retain a greater amount of the electroluminescent material”. Also, the rejection of claim 27 is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. Claim 27 is allowable over Pei, Wright, Miyashita, Samworth, Ireton, Kimura, Mourrellone, Nagayama, and Watanabe in that claim 27 recites a method of patterning an electroluminescent display, having a combination of elements including “forming barrier ribs on a substrate for preventing spread of the electroluminescent material, each barrier rib having an upper portion and selected from the group consisting of polyimide and an acryl-group organic compound; forming pixel electrodes on the substrate between the barrier ribs after forming the barrier ribs on the substrate”.

Accordingly, none of the references utilized by the Examiner individually or in combination teach or suggest the above-noted features of independent claims 9 and 27. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 9 and 27 and their dependent claims (at least due to their dependency) clearly define over the teachings of the utilized references. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103 are respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

All the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed and/or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently pending rejections and that they be withdrawn.

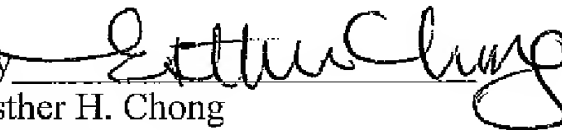
It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the Office Action, and that as such, the Examiner is respectfully requested to send the application to Issue.

In the event there are any matters remaining in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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